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1. In the town of Dobruska (051/692) there is a special school for the training of SMD members in border guarding techniques. Specially chosen experts lecture on subjects such as the terrain at the Czech-Bavarian border and the location of unfamiliar paths and of points crossed most frequently. Students are trained in the use of modern weapons and of all types of explosives including mines and grenades. The training program takes six months.
2. This school, its instructors and its students are components of a special SMD unit which has not yet received a designation. When it is ready for service, the unit will consist of 6,000 men who will be appointed to various posts on the Czech-Bavarian border. These men will wear uniforms different from the regular SMD uniform, and they will carry special badges.
3. The recruiting of a sufficient number of reliable SMD men for this school presents a problem, since some reliable men must remain with their present units. Therefore, army recruits are being offered the opportunity to serve their duty in the SMD instead of in the army. Those who volunteer are given brief training and are then sent to perform normal police duty in the interior of Czechoslovakia, thereby making it possible for reliable SMD volunteers to attend the school. All members of the school and their relatives must pass a thorough political screening.

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